

## RUSSIANS CONSIDER JAPAN'S PROPOSALS

Envoys Working Hard to Dispose of Small Claims.

### CLASH IS BEING LOOKED FOR

Article 5, Which Relates to the Cession of Sakhalin Islands to Japan Will Be Fought by the Russians—St. Petersburg Is Pessimistic.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 16.—Article 4 of the peace conditions has been agreed upon.

Portsmouth, N. H., August 16.—The peace conference began at two minutes before 10 o'clock. The plenipotentiaries went to the navy yard in their motor cars, but the trip was a somewhat slow one on account of the drizzling rain which made the roads muddy. Ten minutes after their arrival at the naval stores building the negotiators had taken their places in the conference room and work began.

That making peace is a strenuous life is illustrated by the daily program of work of the peace envoys and their suites. Eight sessions of the conference have been held since the arrival of the missions at Portsmouth one week ago, and all but one of these has been long as to hours. Outside the sessions every one connected with the work has continuous and taxing occupations with but few hours for rest and practically none for recreation.

The envoys have breakfast before 9 o'clock; they are in the navy yard before 10 o'clock and with the exception of a brief space for luncheon, served in the conference building, they stay in session until evening. After this, a hurried dinner is served at the hotel and the work of the evening and night begins. Last night Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen there was an outside duty and one of almost as much importance as peace between Russia and Japan, namely, the consideration of the amelioration of the condition of the Jews in Russia which a delegation of the American Hebrews. The secretaries busied themselves in bringing records up to date and preparing cables.

### Cable Tolls Run High.

An idea of the volume of cables which daily are sent to Europe and the Far East may be had from the statement that Sunday one cable company handled \$19,000 worth of business including dispatches from both peace-makers from its headquarters here.

Both sides are very keen in the matter of their facilities for communication. The heavy tax on the local telephone wires made it impossible for them to get quick service between the hotel and their conference rooms in the navy yard, and complaint was made, with the result that Secretary Pierce had two direct telephone systems installed between these points, one for the Russians and one for the Japanese.

### Citizens Excluded from Navy Yard.

The exclusive use of the navy yard, so far as civilians are concerned, is still possessed absolutely by the members of the peace commission. Yesterday in addition to the regular guard of marines which from the first was placed over the naval stores building, a detail of secret service men was added. They surrounded the building and kept constant watch throughout the session.

### Considering Article 4.

At the morning session today consideration of article 4 which relates to the Liao Tung peninsula and the surrender of the Russian leases was begun. As the cession of Sakhalin Island is the fifth article the natural deduction would be that today would witness a collision and possibly a deadlock.

But it appeared more likely that the question of the cession of the island on which neither side is now prepared to yield, when reached by mutual agreement, would be considered until the end. The policy of each side being to endeavor to place the responsibility of a rupture on the other, it is regarded as a practical certainty that neither will insist at this juncture upon precipitating a situation which will decide this issue. The plan is almost certain to pass over the disputed articles and see how far an agreement is possible, then to return and attack the obstacles.

Article 3, which was agreed on yesterday, it developed today, was incorrectly stated to be the cession of the Chinese Eastern railroad. That article comes later. The third article pertained to the restoration of the Chinese administration in the province of Manchuria, and was a natural sequence to article 2, providing for mutual evacuation and mutual recognition of Chinese territorial integrity and the "open door" policy for which American diplomacy has fought. The mistake was due to the fact that that railroad question involved generally in the question of restoring Chinese administration in Manchuria was touch.

Must Abandon Indemnity Demand. New York, August 16.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times

says that an important personage declared to him yesterday that if Japan did not abandon her demand for an indemnity the negotiations at Portsmouth would be broken off this week. Every preparation, he said, has been made for a general mobilization with a view to a supreme effort in Manchuria in the present year. True, the chances of victory were dubious, but Russia would play her last card before accepting dishonorable conditions of peace.

The order for the mobilization will be issued in the middle of August (old style) if peace has not been previously concluded.

### News from Manchuria.

Field Headquarters, Japanese Army in Manchuria, August 12, 5 p. m., via Fusan, August 15.—(Delayed in transmission)—The Japanese reconnaissance in force along the line of the railway on the Kikun road from the Chang Tuf Line drove in the Russian outposts. On Aug. 12 eleven Russians were killed and ten captured in a counter reconnaissance in the section of Kinyon. The Russians were driven back by the Japanese outposts.

### TWO MORE NEW COUNTIES.

Legislators Would Abolish Negro State Troops—Other News.

Atlanta, August 16.—Fully sustaining the report of its committee on new counties, the house of representatives has completed its work on the new county bills, passing each one of them just as the committee recommended, and without a single amendment except such as the committee approved. By this action the house demonstrates its confidence not only in the committee, which had this important work before it, but also in Speaker Slaton, upon whom the selection of the members of the committee devolved.

The new county business was concluded by the house Monday when it passed the bills providing for the creation of Stephens county from parts of Habersham and Franklin and Toombs county from parts of Emanuel, Tatnall and Montgomery. Stephens met with warm opposition, but Toombs went through without a voice being raised against it. The house has thus passed bills providing for the establishment of eight new counties, all that are allowed under the constitutional amendment.

### Abolish Negro Troops.

If the senate sustains the action of the house, the negro troops of the state must go out of the service.

The house Monday by a vote of 106 to 6 passed the bill by Mr. Land, of Wilcox, which abolishes the battalion of negro troops in Georgia.

This action was taken despite the assertion made by Mr. Hall, of Bibb, and others, that this legislation would, no doubt, prevent the Georgia militia from enjoying the benefits of the Dick law, and would probably result in the federal appropriation of \$25,000 being withdrawn from this state.

The members felt, however, they would rather take the chances of losing the government appropriation than to have in any case negro officers taking rank over white officers, as might easily come about under the provisions of the Dick law.

### In the Senate.

What is believed to have been the skirmish preliminary to the approaching new county fight in the senate took place in the upper house Monday when a resolution was introduced by Senator Steed providing that the new county bills be taken up in the senate on Wednesday morning, and made the special continuing order of business until disposed of.

After a heated fight in the senate committee on finance upon that portion of the general tax on foreign corporations, the committee Monday afternoon voted favorably.

The fight against this section of the general tax act was the liveliest that came up before the senate committee. Several important amendments were made to the house bill.

### Arrested for Attempted Assault.

Roberta, Ga., August 16.—Alford Howard, a negro, charged with attempted criminal assault upon Miss Mamie Childers, has been arrested and is held to await trial before the superior court. His preliminary trial occurred Monday and the court placed the negro's bond at \$500. The attempt was made about 11 o'clock at night. He entered the room through a window. His presence soon awoke the young lady, who began screaming, which aroused Mrs. Childers and the rest of the family. There was no demonstration against Howard, and the law will be permitted to have full sway.

### Mormons Ask for Damages.

Knoxville, Tenn., August 16.—Damages suits aggregating \$40,000 were filed in federal court at Greenville, Tenn., by Mormon missionaries, who charge that they were roughly handled in Greene county when they attempted to preach Mormon doctrine. The suits are styled F. J. Sorenson v. Dan Price, et al.; W. T. Battle v. Smithson, et al.; Olaf Jetson v. Dan Price, et al. In each suit \$10,000 damages are asked for personal injuries. Hon. W. D. Wright, United States Attorney for the eastern district of Tennessee, is one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs.

## FEWER NEW CASES OF FEVER REPORTED

Federal Authorities Feel Hopeful Over Situation.

### NEW CASES 13 AND DEATHS 5.

A Large Majority of the Cases Reported Come From the Location of the First Infection—General Public Is Now More Hopeful.

New cases of fever in New Orleans since 6 o'clock p. m. Monday—13. Total cases to date—1,031. Deaths today—5. Total deaths—171.

The number of new cases and deaths up to noon today shows a slight improvement in the yellow fever situation in New Orleans. The new cases continue to appear from day to day in the state, but there is no general or violent spread of the pestilence outside of the original center of infection.

Alabama and Mississippi continue free from the disease three suspicious cases at Raymond, Miss., being today pronounced not yellow fever.

Dr. Guiteras expected, he stated today, that New Orleans would be free from the infection in forty days.

New Orleans, August 16.—Fewer reports than usual were made in the earlier hours of the day of new cases of yellow fever, giving rise to the hope that the strenuous campaign of the marine hospital service has been entirely successful, and that all the old, concealed cases have been brought to light. That is the end that Dr. White has been working steadily to achieve, for he has said frequently that when he has knowledge of every existing case he can fix a time within which the fever may be exterminated.

The United States soldiers at Jackson barracks who have been kept prisoners for the past two weeks in order to guard the garrison from infection have been chafing under the restraint put upon them. Today it was announced that 200 of them would be taken in special trains to West End tomorrow for a day's recreation.

### General Public Hopeful.

Hopefulness among the general public was manifested today over the yellow fever situation from the shrinkage of cases during the preceding 24 hours and the belief is gaining ground that 105 cases, reported on Saturday will prove to be the top notch figures of the present visitation of the fever. As already pointed out in The Associated Press dispatches all cases of fever which bore any resemblance to yellow fever were included in last week's daily lists with the result that many of the yellow fever cases were subsequently diagnosed as malaria.

Hereafter, more care is to be taken in investigating reports of sickness and with the doctors co-operating it is expected that all the yellow fever cases found will be promptly turned up without the necessity of including in the reports fevers of other kinds.

In order to meet the objections of doctors that inspectors have been following in their tracks and invading house from which they have already reported fever, Dr. White has put into effect a rule which will make such conflicts impossible in the future.

Wherever a case has been reported, the householder is to be provided with a card of the doctor, giving the temperature and condition of the patient, which will protect such house from further intrusion.

The weather was a trifle cooler today, but there is no indication of a decided fall in the temperature. Sudden changes in the temperature are injurious to yellow fever patients, alternations from high to low temperatures generally having a marked effect on the death rate.

### Deaths Among Foreigners.

Of the twelve deaths in the preceding 24 hours seven bore Italian names, two German, two English and one French. All were below Canal street. Fifteen cases were handled during the day at the emergency hospital, where there have been to date 120 cases. Twenty-seven have been discharged, and many of the present patients are convalescent. The hospital authorities say that confidence in the treatment given in the institution among the foreign races.

The Italian sisters of the missionary order of the Sacred Heart have volunteered their services in charity work, and are working actively to relieve distress among the Italian population.

### Two Negroes Are Killed.

Cordele, Ga., August 16.—Parties arriving on the Albany and Northern train Monday brought reports of a shooting affray which occurred near Oakfield, 18 miles southwest of Cordele, in which two negroes were killed outright and three fatally wounded by a woods rider named Malfis. Malfis is a woodsman for the Oakfield Naval Stores company. Telephone and telegraph wires are down but all stories agree that the woodsman had words with several negroes in their settlement Saturday night. In consequence seven of them waylaid him as he started on his rounds.

## TWO KILLED; ELEVEN INJURED

Wreck Occurs on Central of Georgia Railway in the Macon Yards.

Macon, Ga., August 16.—A local freight train collided with passenger train No. 15 on the Central railroad at the foot of Third street, exactly two minutes after it was due here, and as a result a negro mail clerk and the negro fireman on the passenger are dead and eleven other persons are all severely injured, two possibly fatally.

The superintendent of the road will hold an investigation.

The passenger going out at 4:20 o'clock was due to leave the station at 4:45 o'clock and that time, it is necessary for the freight to either lie in Macon or lie in waiting at the siding northward. When the time for departure arrived Engineer John Nash mounted his engine, one of the four very large new locomotives recently purchased by the Central, and remarked as the freight had not shown up he supposed it was waiting at Summerfield, 5 miles away.

Within less than two minutes and before he had the passenger under good way, the freight, in charge of Engineer Theodore Reddy, rounded a sharp curve and the two trains came together with a crash that left both engines, one express car, one mail and 15 freight cars a mass of broken beams and warped steel and iron.

### SCHWAB SAILS FOR GERMANY.

Iron King Will Investigate New Process of Making Steel.

New York, August 16.—Charles M. Schwab, who arrived here from Bradock, Pa., yesterday, revealed for the first time that his trip abroad is for the purpose of investigating in Germany a new and secret process for the manufacture of steel, which may have an important bearing on the future of that country.

"I will be gone for three weeks, and the only country I intend to visit is Germany," Mr. Schwab said.

"I am going to inspect several steel mills. One offer is a new development in the manufacture of steel. This has been inaugurated by friends of mine over there and I am going to see what it is like. Mr. Johnson, general manager of the Bethlehem Steel company, is going with me. He added that there was a possibility of his visiting Andrew Carnegie before he went and he refused to discuss his rumored contracts to construct wharves in Russia and for Russian armor plate.

### Victim of an Auto Accident.

New York, August 16.—Harris Lindley, who met death in an automobile accident at Bennington, Vt., yesterday was appointed third deputy police commissioner by Commissioner McAdoo, on April 11, 1904, to succeed John F. Cowan, resigned. His principal duty was to try delinquent policemen and to have charge of the purchase of supplies for the department of Mr. Lindley was 35 years old. He came of old New England stock on his father's side, and his mother is a member of the well known Harris family of Tennessee. His grandfather was T. George Harris, a pay director of the United States army.

### Gold Hunter Killed by Train.

Middletown, N. Y., August 16.—Stephen Caldwell, of Phillipsport, is dead from being struck by a train near his home. He was 86 years of age. Caldwell was in the rush to California gold fields in 1849. He made a fortune. While returning by the sea route the vessel was burned, and many lives were lost, but he was picked up after floating a long time. Later he returned to California and was badly injured in a mine disaster.

### Fruit Famine Likely in Chicago.

Chicago, August 16.—With the visible supply of bananas reduced to less than half the usual amount because of the restrictions on importations made by the board at New Orleans, wholesale dealers along South Water street, are predicting a famine in fruit. Prices during the last two weeks have shown a steady rise, until they are about double what they were a month ago, and the demand is greater than the supply.

### Fleet Sails for Baltic Sea.

London, August 16.—The British channel squadron consisting of eleven battleships, eight cruisers and a flotilla of torpedo boats, under the command of Sir Arthur Wilson, sailed from Spithead today bound for the Baltic sea. During the cruise the squadron will visit Youlden Graa deep, Swinemunde and Neufahrwasser.

### Killed Brother Over Whisky.

Dalton, Ga., August 16.—Two brothers named Tucker disputed over the division of a quantity of whisky yesterday afternoon in the upper end of Murray county, and one was killed. Details are meager as the place is out of phone or wire reach.

### Knights of Khorassan Meet.

Detroit, Mich., August 16.—The biennial convention of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan opened here today. The attendance is expected to approximate 5,000 and the first number on the four days' program was a street parade.

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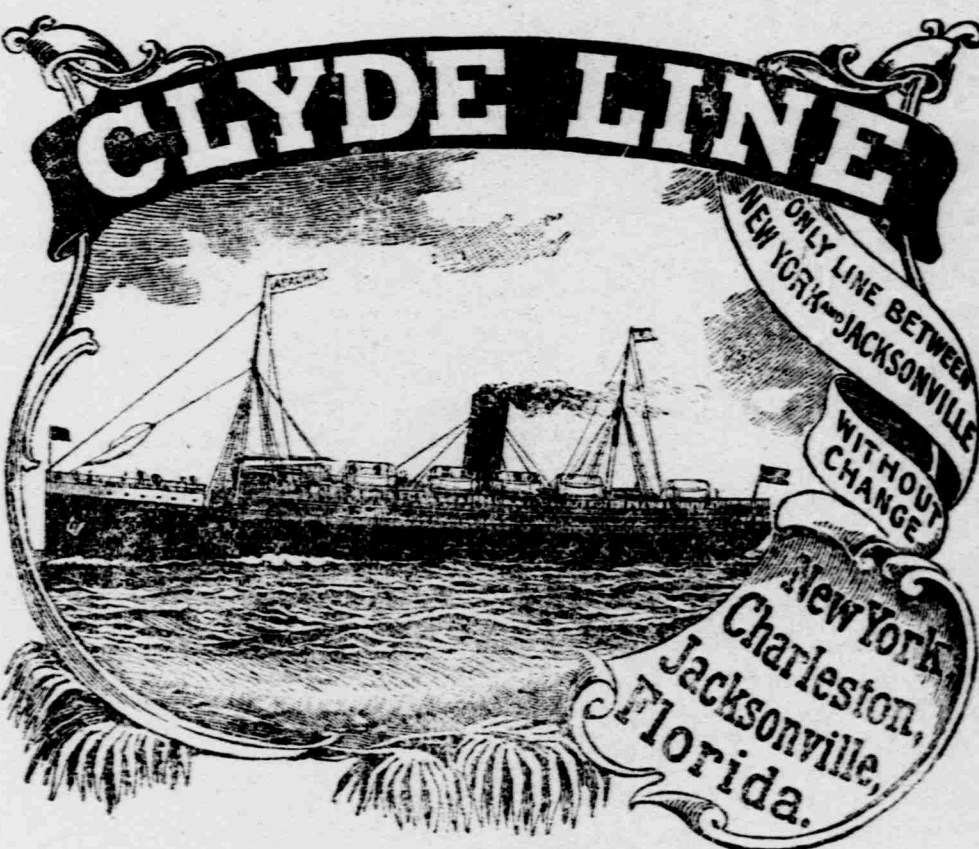
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